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## **MORPC Announces New Finance Director**

(Columbus – September 2, 2009) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has named Shawn Hufstedler as its new finance director. Hufstedler, a resident of Worthington, replaces Carl Styers, who has provided over 30 years of service to MORPC and has held the position of finance director since September 2002. Hufstedler comes to MORPC with significant experience in negotiating grants and contracts with funders and partner agencies. Shawn most recently served as director of finance and grants for the Community Shelter Board directing and coordinating the activities of the Finance & Grants Administration Department. He was also responsible for the financial operations of the organization, including budgeting, cash flow projections, expenditure authorization, maintaining a system of internal control, and the human resources and information technology functions for the organization.

As the director of finance for MORPC, Hufstedler will lead all activities of the Finance Department, which include agency finance, complex accounting, annual and program specific audits, risk management, and contractual and legal matters. He is responsible for preparing monthly agency financial statements; annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports and ensures financial controls through monitoring and approval of all contracts, expenditures and maintenance of internal control procedures.

“We will miss Carl and his indispensable experience and dedicated service to MORPC for the past 30 years,” states MORPC Executive Director Chester Jourdan. “We welcome Shawn into the MORPC family and look forward to his knowledge and insight as MORPC’s new finance director.”

“I am excited to join MORPC to help impact the sustainability and economic prosperity in central Ohio. I have always respected MORPC both for the work the organization performs and the people who work here. I am honored to be a part of such a well respected and effective organization,” states Finance Director Shawn Hufstedler.

Hufstedler currently serves as the chair of the Board of Directors for First Night Columbus. He is a member of the Association of Governmental Accountants and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants. Shawn received his undergraduate degrees in Accounting and Finance from The Ohio State University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

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MORPC is a voluntary association of 47 local governments, serving as a community resource in the region by providing comprehensive planning and programming in the areas of transportation, economic development, land use, energy conservation, environment, and housing. MORPC is currently celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and its efforts to build a better central Ohio region.